



Northwest Minnesota Labor Market Information and Career Pathways:

Career Tools for People with Disabilities and Transition-Aged Youth

A public forum sponsored by the State Rehabilitation Council — the citizen council that partners and advises Minnesota's Vocational Rehabilitation program

Wednesday, June 22 • 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott Moorhead • Salon G

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Agenda

12:30 to 1:45

- **Northwest Minnesota Workforce Trends, Implications for People with Disabilities**

Chet Bodin, DEED Northwest Minnesota Labor Market Analyst, shows how labor market analysis provides information about regional workforce trends, wages, occupations in demand, disability employment data, and career prospects for transition-aged youth.

2:00 to 3:15

- **Understanding Career Pathways**

Rick Roy, DEED Director of Strategic Business Projects, presents an overview of Minnesota's Career Pathways, a highly effective approach to employment, particularly for those with barriers to employment.

- **Finding a Career Pathway, Resources in NW Minnesota**

Greg Kaiser, Program Manager, Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program, explores how the local workforce development board connects careers in demand to training programs that transition aged youth with disabilities and others can access.

Sue Zurn, Career Services Director at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, discusses the Minnesota State College and University system and its connections to employers and the local labor market. She'll explore how MnSCU is responding to employer need, emerging trends, and the career decisions that students face.

3:30 to 4:30

- **Sharing Session:**

- **Employment for Students and Adults with Disabilities — What does it take?**

Northwest Minnesota employers, Vocational Rehabilitation participants, VR employment specialists, and VR counselors share employment stories and discuss what works and doesn't work in Northwest Minnesota for the employment of people with disabilities.

There will be an open mike and public comment is encouraged.

CART and ASL will be available. Other accommodation requests must be made by June 15th.

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